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FACTS ABOUT NEW MEXICO FARMS

Department of Agriculture
Farm Security Administration

OFFICIAL NAME: New Mexico Farms

LOCATION: In DeBaca County, New Mexico. Project Headquarters: Hobbs, N. M.

HISTORY OF PROJECT: Initiated by the Resettlement Administration. Preliminary approval, December 4, 1935. Final approval, 1936.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: To provide subsistence farm land to families who were living on unproductive land. Families will have a chance to become self-supporting and better their standards of living.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This infiltration project of 3,162 acres will give farms to 23 families. Farms will average 22 acres on which alfalfa, corn, sweet potatoes, and oats will be grown as the principal crops. Livestock will include horses, dairy cows, hogs, and poultry.

HOUSE DESCRIPTION: Of the houses on the project, 17 new frame dwellings of 4 and 5 rooms have been built and six existing houses have been repaired. Existing outbuildings were repaired. New structures, including barns, poultry houses, and hog houses have been built. Individual wells equipped with pumps supply water for domestic use, and irrigation water is available at low cost. Individual sanitary privies were also built on each unit.

Families will avail themselves of existing community facilities in the area in which the farms are located.

HOMESTEADERS: Families for occupancy were selected from among those displaced by Land Utilization Projects, Hope Land and Mills, and from destitute families from other parts of the dust bowl.

